Atty. Docket No: 2789 (203-3054) AF**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Mark S. Roby

EXAMINER: Jennifer K. Michener

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TITLE: **PLASMA COATED SUTURES**

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDL. FEE		RATE	ADDL. FEE
TOTAL * 17	MINUS	** 29	=	0	x 25=	\$		x 50=	\$
INDEP. * 2	MINUS	*** 3	=	0	x 100=	\$	OR	x 200=	\$
					x 180=	\$		x 360=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					TOTAL	\$ 0.00		TOTAL	\$ 0.00

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 13, 2006, applicants request entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application.

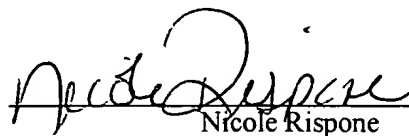
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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